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Re: Application of: FUJITA, Etsunori et al.  
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For: FATIGUE DEGREE MEASUREMENT DEVICE,  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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April 11, 2006

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.99, applicant submits herewith an information disclosure citation which lists references of which the applicant is aware. A copy of each of the references is also submitted herewith.

An English translation of Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. Hei 9-308614 is not available at this time. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent provided.

An English translation of Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. Hei 10-146321 is not available at this time. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent provided.

An English translation of JP 7-051234 is not available at this time. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent provided.

An English translation of JP 10-014894 is not available at this time. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent provided.

An English translation of JP 4-208136 is not available at this time. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent provided.

An English translation of WO 2002/087434 is not available at this time. However, an English-language abstract of this reference is submitted herewith. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent and corresponding English-language abstract provided.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner independently determine those items which the examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

Applicant respectfully requests that the references be considered and made of record.

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